#### Forest Service Eastern Region

Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest

### **Recreation Program**

Fee Accomplishment Report 2010







Recreation fees are an investment in outdoor recreation. Current and future generations will benefit as 95% of the funds are reinvested in the facilities and services that visitors enjoy, use and value.

## Accomplishments Provided with Recreation Fees on the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest:

- Operated and maintained 53 campgrounds and 75 day use sites.
- Supported 15 sets of volunteer campground hosts with supplies, tools, and information for visitors. These hosts provide a presence at campgrounds, answer visitor questions, and complete maintenance and cleaning tasks.
- Refurbished numerous campground toilet buildings: repainted exteriors, replaced interior walls, and repaired or replaced roofs.
- Constructed an accessible ramp to a new toilet building.
- Funded additional law enforcement on holidays, weekends, and evenings, and hired additional seasonal developed recreation personnel.
- Expanded the parking area at Kathryn Lake Campground, and added gravel to the lot and access road.
- Provided interpretive programs and recycling services at campgrounds.
- Restored 60 picnic tables.
- Installed 35 accessible fire rings and an accessible water well head. Replaced 11 culverts and resurfaced campground roads with crushed gravel to improve road drainage at Westpoint Campground. Also added crushed gravel to campsite parking spurs.
- Removed hazard trees; repaired plumbing systems; re-painted

parking lot strips; and repaired or replaced bulletin boards, recreation and directional signs, sign posts, and picnic tables at campgrounds and recreation sites as needed.



Skiing at Vahalla Recreation Area

#### **Special Feature**

Tucked away in the woods, Lost Lake cabins offer visitors a peaceful place to enjoy the great outdoors. The CCC-era camp consists of eight one-room, wood-frame cabins, a central recreation hall, and two bathroom buildings. These cabins are the perfect jumping off point for enjoying the many recreational activities in the Wisconsin Northwoods.



Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue*	
Source	Amount
Interagency Pass	\$6,910
Recreation Fees	\$752,098
Special Uses	\$5,562
Total	\$764,570

Expenditures	
Source	Amount
Maintenance & Repair	\$594,011
Visitor Services	\$25,827
Law Enforcement	\$29,516
Cost of Collections	\$88,548
Total	\$737,901

\*Carryover funds will be used for large projects and the following season's startup costs.

### Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest Additional Accomplishments

- Groomed 18 miles of cross country ski trails, including Anvil, Lauterman, Nicolet North trails. Partnered with various groups and completed maintenance on non-motorized trails.
- Created new motorized, hiking, and skiing trail maps. Plowed snow to provide winter access at seven trailheads.
- Supplied firewood at the Valhalla Recreation Area chalet.



A bicyclist enjoys the fall colors during a ride.



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# Eastern Region Revenues & Expenditures

Revenue*	
Source	Amount
Interagency Pass	\$72,388
Recreation Fees	\$4,630,544
Special Uses	\$234,671
Total \$4,937,602	

Expenditures	
Source	Amount
Maintenance & Repair	\$3,103,033
Visitor Services	\$718,625
Law Enforcement	\$278,772
Cost of Collections	\$567,288
Habitat Restoration	\$46,359
Fee Agreements	\$1,679
Total	\$4,715,757

<sup>\*</sup> Carryover funds will be used for large projects and the following season's startup costs.